

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 577

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jonathan Craig Stewart  
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of  
the passing of Jonathan Craig Stewart; and

WHEREAS, Jon Stewart was an exemplary public citizen and consummate professional  
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous  
capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on September 26, 1968, in Decatur, Illinois, Mr. Stewart spent most of  
his childhood in Memphis in the care of his grandparents, and he graduated from Kirby High  
School; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree from Rhodes College, where he was a  
member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity; he then received his Master of Theological Studies  
degree from Vanderbilt University and his law degree from the University of Memphis, where he  
was the top student in his class; and

WHEREAS, Jon Stewart began his law career with Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville,  
where he distinguished himself as a gifted legal mind who could always be counted on to  
provide thoughtful analysis of any issue, clever solutions to complex problems, and beautifully  
crafted written work; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, he opened his own practice, the Law Offices of Jonathan C.  
Stewart, a litigation boutique that allowed him to flourish professionally on his own terms; and

WHEREAS, Jon Stewart was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always  
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Renee Levay Stewart, and  
was the proud father of James Harrison Stewart and Sloane Taylor Stewart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart is lovingly remembered by his mother, Sondra Roberts; his sister, Amber Roberts Code; his stepbrother, Michael Roberts; his mother-in-law, Sally Walston; his sister-in-law, Valerie Levay; and his brother-in-law, Kurt Dittrich; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Dorothy Hinchey Stewart; his stepfather, Ronald Roberts; and his father-in-law, James Levay; and

WHEREAS, Jon Stewart leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public professional and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jonathan Craig Stewart, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Stewart.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.